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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6580**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1093

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 14, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 14, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Killing a Law Enforcement Animal.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. VanDenburgh

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Landske

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires a court to order a person convicted of the offense of: (1) striking, tormenting, injuring, or otherwise mistreating a law enforcement animal; or (2) interfering with the actions of a law enforcement animal while the animal is engaged in assisting a law enforcement officer; to make restitution to the person or law enforcement agency that owns the animal for reimbursement of replacement costs of the animal if the animal is permanently disabled or killed.

The bill permits a law enforcement agency to apply to the Violent Crime Victims Compensation Unit to obtain reimbursement for expenses incurred in connection with a law enforcement animal that is killed or permanently disabled.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill could result in a greater likelihood that the state would be reimbursed for the replacement cost of the enforcement animal, either through restitution or a payment from the Violent Crime Victims Compensation Fund. The cost of a trained police dog is between \$8,000 and \$10,000. The fund spent about \$2.5 M in FY 2011 and \$5 M in FY 2012.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The bill could result in a greater likelihood that a local unit would be reimbursed for the replacement cost of the enforcement animal. (See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.)

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State law enforcement agencies.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:**

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